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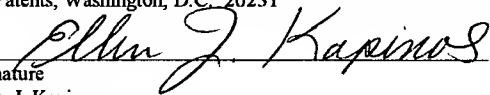
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001. A Request for a Three Month Extension and the required fee accompany this Amendment resetting the date for response to August 13, 2001.

REMARKS

The Examiner stated that claims 1,2,7, and 11 have been "canceled". Applicants submit that perhaps the Examiner intended "amended" as claims 1, 2, 7 and 11 were amended by the February 1999 amendment and she indicates that claims 1-17 are currently being examined. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.